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Norfolk-based Surface Strike Group Returns from Deployment

NORFOLK, Va. – More than 600 Sailors aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) and the guided missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) will return to their homeport at Naval Station Norfolk, **Saturday May 27** from supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

During deployment Porter patrolled the Black Sea and strengthened allied capabilities by providing Maritime Interception Operations training to Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine forces. USS Carr, along with other NATO ship's patrolled West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea providing Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) initiatives to Commander Task Force 65.

The SSG operated independently and with NATO maritime forces providing presence with a purpose and supported allied forces in the Global War on Terror. The Surface Strike Group (SSG) deployed on November 22.

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NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the arrivals of USS Porter and USS Carr should contact Commander Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850 ext. 47122 or cell phone (757) 544-3451 no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, May 25.

Media will meet at 0800 at the Tour and Information office on Hampton Blvd. Live trucks will be permitted. Advanced confirmation is required.

Information on USS Porter and USS Carr is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.